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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: APPROACHES IN CAPITALS OF SC MEMBERS

REF: USUN 01431

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER WARD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM FCO ON APRIL 14 TO MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH TO GOM ON NAMIBIA, THIS TIME REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR HOLDING EARLY DISCUSSION IN SECURITY COUNCIL (REFTEL). WARD MET WITH SIR HAROLD WALTER, MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AT MIDDAY, APRIL 14, PRIOR LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK AND MEXICO CITY.

2. WALTER'S RESPONSE WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ACTION APPEARED TO HAVE MOVED TO DAR ES SALAAM, WHERE SECRETARY VANCE AND SECRETARY OWEN WERE MEETING WITH FRONT-LINE LEADERS AND NIGERIANS, AND UNTIL RESULTS THOSE TALKS WERE KNOWN IT DID NOT SEEM SENSIBLE TO PUSH THE QUESTION IN NEW YORK.

3. IN REPORTING HIS CONVERSATION TO LONDON, WARD SAID HE FOUND WALTER'S COMMENTS TO BE REASONABLE. HE SAW NO BENEFIT ACCRUING FROM DISCUSSING THE QUESTION WITH PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAN AT THIS STAGE, SINCE RAMGOOLAM WOULD MOST  
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LIKELY ASK WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED AT DAR ES SALAAM.

4. WARD IS AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SEEING RAMGOOLAM. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE GOM WILL SEND HELPFUL INSTRUCTIONS TO RAMPHUL IN NEW YORK IN THE ABSENCE OF A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE THE FRONT-LINE LEADERS, THE NIGERIANS AND OTHER KEY AFRICAN PLAYERS NOW STAND ON THE QUESTION. I CONCUR IN HIS

JUDGMENT.

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